

THE MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY annual

POETRY CONTEST



**Contest open
to young people
in grades 5th-12th**

Submit your original poem

Deadline for submitting poems:

Thursday, February 28th



The Mary Riley Styles Public Library Annual *Poetry Contest*

Two Categories: Grades 5 to 8 and Grades 9 to 12

Four Prizes will be awarded in each Category

Entry Rules and Information:

1. Contest is open to all young people in grades 5th to 12th.
2. All entries:
 - a. Must be no more than one page in length.
 - b. Must be typed or neatly handwritten on white paper.
 - c. Must not contain any artwork or graphics.
 - d. Must be an **original** poem written by the person whose name appears on the back of the entry.
 - e. Must include name, address, phone number and age on back of entry.
(Please remove or cover name if it appears on the front of the entry.)
 - d. Must be submitted to the Mary Riley Styles Public Library youth services department no later than Thursday, Feb. 28th. Entries may be submitted via hand delivery, regular mail or email. Emailed entries should be sent as a Microsoft Word attachment to the following address:
cfrostick@fallschurchva.gov (include contact information in body of email, not on attached entry).
3. There are no restrictions on style of poetry.
4. Teachers can submit classroom (assigned) poetry (Original poems only.
Please do not submit poems in which a title or lines have been supplied).
Students' permission should be obtained before entering their work.
5. Winners will be notified no later than Saturday, March 9th.

Prizes will be awarded to winning contestants on **Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.**